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Misuse of Funds by NGOs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding misuse of funds sanctioned under various welfare schemes by certain Non-Governmental Organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up a national panel to check misuse of funds by Non-Governmental Organisations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the precautionary measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b) : The Government has received complaints relating to misuse of funds released for implementation of the schemes of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in respect of eleven (11) Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) during the year 2014-15 and ten (10) NGOs during 2015-16. Details are given in Annexure.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Ministry ensures checks on misuse of funds by the NGOs in following ways:

(i). Fresh/subsequent releases of grants to implementing agencies during a year are made only on receipt of Utilization Certificates in respect of previous year''s grants.
(ii). Review of schemes/programmes by the officers of the Ministry during their visits to the States.
(iii). The schemes/programmes implemented through NGOs are also monitored by respective State Governments/UT Administrations.
(iv). The Ministry sponsors evaluation studies from time to time through independent evaluation agencies, inter alia, to check proper utilization of funds by the implementing agencies under various Schemes/Programmes and
(v). Inspection of NGOs across all States/UTs by officers of the Ministry.
(vi) To bring in transparency in the handling of proposals applications from NGOs are since 2014-15 being received on web portal.